

Remarks

Claim 6 is canceled.

Claim 1 is amended.

Claims 1-5, 7-8, 11-20 and 22 are pending and are under consideration.

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of claim 6.

No new matter is added.

Claims 1-8, 13-16, 18, 20 and 22 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Barbee, et al., WO00/34393.

The Examiner states that the disclosure of poly(2-ethylhexyl acrylate) reads on present component (c). This is not the case. Those skilled in the art recognize that the –CH₂- group is a methylene group. The 2-ethylhexyl moiety only contains 5 methylene groups.

The present claims require the alkyl of the alkyl acrylate or methacrylate to contain at least 8 methylene groups.

Thus these rejections are addressed and are overcome.

Claims 1-3, 17-20 and 22 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Mitsuno, et al., EP311723.

This reference discloses alkyl (meth)acrylate with alkyl of 1-8 carbon atoms. An 8 carbon atom chain may at most contain 7 methylene groups.

Thus these 35 USC 102(b) rejections are also addressed and are overcome.

Claims 1-3, 11-12 and 22 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by McIntyre, et al., EP1167475.

In view of the present amendments, these rejections are overcome.

In view of the present amendments and the above remarks, Applicants submit that each of the present claim rejections are addressed and are overcome.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present rejections.

Applicants submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

Respectfully submitted,



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